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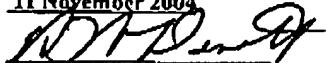
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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated 24 September 2004, please amend the above referenced application as follows and/or reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

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1. Amendments to and/or listing of the claims; and
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